

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: SPECTRUM CODING APPARATUS, SPECTRUM DECODING APPARATUS, ACOUSTIC SIGNAL TRANSMISSION APPARATUS, ACOUSTIC SIGNAL RECEPTION APPARATUS AND METHODS THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22131

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the art listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Attached is a Japanese Office Action dated November 24, 2010, which issued in a corresponding Japanese Patent Application. References JP 2001-521648, JP 8-123495 and JP 2001-356788 were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of April 18, 2006.

The cited art not previously listed in an Information Disclosure Statement is listed in the attached PTO-1449 for an indication of consideration by the examiner. Copies of any references listed on the PTO-1449, besides U.S. patent documents, are submitted herewith.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention; see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970).

Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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